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For: TRANSGENIC PLANTS HAVING A
MODIFIED CARBOHYDRATE CONTENT

Examiner: A. Nelson

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 14, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 14, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is also filed herewith.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.